

Arthur Peronneau Hayne to Andrew Jackson, December 27, 1827, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

ARTHUR P. HAYNE TO JACKSON.¹

¹ Jackson arrived at New Orleans on Jan. 8, 1828. His political friends from many parts of the country came to add splendor to his reception. His four days in the city were filled with festivities and adorned with speeches. The papers of the whole country republished the latter, and in most cases with favorable comment. On the manner in which Jackson's intimates hovered around him during this trip, see R. G. Dunlap to Jackson, Aug. 10, 1831; also W. B. Lewis to Jackson, Dec. 24, 1827, Jackson MSS.

New Orleans, December 27, 1827.

Private.

My dear General: I arrived here to day, by way of Havannah, from Charleston. It is my intention to join you at some point on the River, previous to your arrival at New-Orleans. I considered it my duty, to be at your side, on the approaching *military* festivities. And now General, in accordance, with that privilege, you have always granted me, unqualified and unfit as I am to give advice, especially to such an individual as yourself, yet still, I beg leave most respectfully to suggest two ideas for your consideration, and which I should like to see embodied in that address of yours which will be made publick—for I hope you will consent to publish but one of your addresses—altho“I understand three will be required of you—to wit, one on the field of Battle, one to the Govr. and Legislature and one at the Dinner party. The first idea, I would wish to see expressed is this—That, Like “*Cincinnatus*”, you left your Farm, the shade of your own “*Vine and Fig Tree*”, at the call

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of your Country, in the hour of peril and danger, and that like “ *Cincinnatus* ” you returned to your Farm, the first moment the publick service of your Country would allow: The next idea I would have you advert to, is, some mild, manly and proper allusion, to the wicked, false, unmanly farfeeling attacks made by your enemies, on your domestick happiness and fire side. In every other respect it appears to me, that your addresses should be altogether *military* —the gallantry of Louisiana, Mississippi, Kentucky and Tennessee afford for the occasion delightful subjects. It appears to me also, that your address shd. be concise, and like *Washington* , whom of all other men you most resemble, I would wish you to read them, rather than deliver them extemporaneously, altho' your friends all know it wd. be as easy for you to adopt the latter as the former mode. Will you not my dear General, think me forward in suggesting what I have done? To which question, *I distinctly respond no* — because you know my heart— *there all is right* , and you would be the very first to excuse my head if necessary.

Present me respectfully and affectionately to my friend Genl. Coffee, and to Judge Overton, whose presence on the approaching festivities will be cheering to you.

I remain dear General, your faithful and affectionate freind